

20 November 1964

MEMO FOR RAY CLINE

SUBJECT: DIA FY66/67 Production for NIS

Since I didn't get a chance to catch you today :

Each year for years Defense has produced 8 each Topography sections and Military Geographic Regions sections -- a total of 16. In working up an FY66/67 forecast for USIB we expected DIA to continue these quantities. Later, I heard that DIA was going to propose 4 Topography's per year, and 2 of the others -- a total of only 6.

I informally called on USMC Colonel Jake Early (DIA member of the NIS Committee and one of Maples trusted lieutenants) to express to him and Maples my concern over such a cut in the very basic Topography's. I also said we had concluded that we might suspend the somewhat redundant Military Geographic Regions and perhaps schedule a total of 12 Topography's. He said the proposed cut was due to proposed cancellation of an [REDACTED] long-standing contract with Military Geographic Branch of Geological Survey (essentially the authors of map-loaded and basic Topography's) which for various reasons irked Maples and I presume gave him a McNamara-type economy to report; Early said Carroll had been told the story and said to chop the contract, leaving DIA with limited in-house capabilities.

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Early said he had passed my concern to Maples but in a 6 November memo submitted that DIA would do 5 Topography's and no Regions -- a nominal concession. To get something in writing without estopping possible more formal later action, I sent the attached to Early, among other things thinking he might find it handy to pass to higher DIA echelons.

The NIS Committee will take up this two-year Forecast at the 25 November meeting. Before the meeting I would like to know whether any of your talks with Maples would have a bearing, your feeling as to how you should or could intercede, and in general your counsel. Under existing ground rules and with a preponderance of DIA and Service members on the NIS Committee, it is going to be essentially impossible for me to manage any Committee or even Chairman comments objecting to or even calling USIB attention to such a cutback.

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